

requiring three readings previously to being passed, shall be, "whether it shall be engrossed, and read a third time."

29. Before a bill or resolution requiring three readings, shall be read the third time in the Senate, it shall be carefully engrossed, (without interlineation or erasure,) under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate, and upon this reading of the bill or resolution, it shall not be committed or amended, without the unanimous consent of the Senate.

30. It shall not be in order to amend the title of a bill or resolution, until it shall have passed its second reading.

31. The titles of bills, and such parts thereof only, as shall be affected by proposed amendments, shall be inserted in the Journals.

32. The President of the Senate shall appoint the following Standing Committees, which shall thus be denominated:

1. Committee on the Judiciary.
2. Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.
3. Committee on Corporations.
4. Committee on Schools and Colleges.
5. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.
6. Committee on Internal Improvements.
7. Committee on Elections.
8. Committee on Claims and Accounts.
9. Committee on Enrolled Bills.
10. Committee on Amendments and Revision of the Constitution.
11. Committee on the Executive Department.
12. Committee on the Militia.
13. Committee on Taxation and Revenue.
14. Committee on Federal Relations.

33. All confidential communications made by the Governor to the Senate, shall be, by the members thereof, kept secret, until the Senate, by their resolution, take off the injunction of secrecy.

34. All information or remarks touching or concerning the character or qualifications of any person nominated by the Governor to office, shall be kept secret.

35. When acting on confidential or Executive business, the Senate shall be cleared of all persons, except the Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms and Messenger.

36. The proceedings of the Senate, when not acting in Committee of the Whole, shall be entered on the journals as concisely as possible, care being taken to detail an accurate and true account of the proceedings.

37. Messages shall be transmitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary; upon each of which shall previously be endorsed by the Secretary, the final determination of the Senate thereon.

38. Messengers may be introduced in any stage of the business, except while a question is being put, or while the yeas and nays are being called.

39. The Governor of the State, former Governors of the Territory, Senators and Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States, State House Officers, members of the Representative branch of the General Assembly, and Judges of the Chancery and Circuit Courts of this State, shall be admitted to a seat within the bar of the Senate chamber, and any other person upon the invitation of a member of the Senate.

40. The Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant-at-Arms and Messenger, shall be severally sworn by the President, well and faithfully to discharge their respective duties, and to keep secret the proceedings of the Senate, when sitting with closed doors.

41. No member who was without the bar of the Senate when the question was put by the Chair, shall be permitted to vote on the question then before the Senate, without the unanimous consent of the Senate.

42. No rule herein adopted for the government of the Senate, shall be amended or suspended, without the consent of four-fifths of the Senate.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until Friday, 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 1, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain. A quorum being present, on motion of Mr. Avery, the reading of Wednesday's proceedings was dispensed with.

Mr. Avery gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the Sixteenth Sections granted by Congress to the State for the support of Public Schools, and for consolidating the School Fund."

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Forward introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate St. John's Lodge No. 12, in the city of St. Augustine."

Which was read the first time, and ordered to a second reading tomorrow.

Mr. Avery moved that the Secretary of State be requested to make out and furnish to the Senate, (so far as the same can be done from returns filed in his office,) a statement of all the white children in each County between the ages of six and eighteen years; the number in each township; stating, also, the number who can read and write, the number that can read but cannot write, and the number that can neither read or write.

Also, a statement of the condition of the 16th sections and fractional sections in each county, how many are valuable, and what their value, under whose charge they have been placed, how many are under cultivation, and by whom cultivated, and in whose hands the fund derived from the 16th sections is placed.

Also, where imperfect returns have been made, such reasons as have been given by the Tax Assessors and Collectors for these imperfect returns.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Tweed gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "An act relating to capital punishment."

Also, a bill to be entitled "An act amendatory of the several acts of limitation now in force in this State."

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Avery, White, and Forward, was appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House to draft joint rules for the government of the two Houses during its present session.

Mr. Lorimer, from a select committee, presented the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee appointed to select a Chaplain for the Senate, during its present session, beg leave to report :

That they have performed the duty assigned them, and respectfully recommend that the Rev. Mr. Choice be selected as such Chaplain.

JAS. H. T. LORIMER, Chairman.

The following communication was received and read :

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Nov. 30th, 1848.

Hon. President of the Senate :

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith the tabular statement called for by Resolution of the 29th inst. showing the amounts paid by the State to the several Clerks of the Circuit Courts since the organization of the State Government.

I am, very respectfully, &c.

SIMON TOWLE, Comptroller.

A Tabular Statement showing the sums paid by the State annually, (since the organization of the State Government,) to the Clerks of the respective Circuit Courts—prepared by the Comptroller in obedience to Resolution of Senate, 29th November, 1848.

Counties.	1845		1846		1847		1848		Total.	Av'rage pr year.
	Fall Term.	Spring Term.	Fall Term.	Spring Term.	Fall Term.	Spring Term.	Fall Term.	Spring Term.		
Escambia,		36 53	38 17	163 67	7 85	30 05	276 27	110 50		
Santa Rosa,	19 12	34 66	75 50	88 96	90 25	41 75	350 24	116 74		
Walton,	37 31	30 85		48 52	38 32		155 00	77 50		
Jackson,	38 51	58 72	97 35	22 57	15 00	49 50	281 65	93 88		
Washington,		3 25	5 88	1 05	1 00	9 50	20 68	8 26		
Calhoun,						1 83	1 85	3 70		
Franklin,	67 07	84 36	17 00		25 67		194 10	97 05		
Gadsden,*		81 50	459 74	85 22	55 24	29 20	710 00	284 36		
Leon,	109 08	63 44	123 23	60 25	77 90	12 55	446 45	148 81		
Wakulla,		11 18	41 37	19 95	6 70	17 65	96 85	38 74		
Jefferson,	12 92	36 41	18 25	7 37		6 20	81 15	32 45		
Madison,	19 92	43 50	8 81	46 10	44 50	18 30	181 43	60 47		
Hamilton,	22 92		65 79	30 65	28 23		147 59	73 79		
Columbia,		35 25	173 05	81 46	33 10	27 70	350 56	140 22		
Aalchua & Levy,		47 11	11 82	7 00	6 10	10 95	82 95	33 18		
Duval,		126 26	44 36	65 24	74 57	40 65	351 25	140 50		
Nassau,					13 75		13 75	27 50		
St. Johns,		54 95	30 33	15 60			100 88	67 24		
Orange & St. Luc.				2 20	3 65		5 85	5 85		
Marion,		13 43	34 00	54 46	32 65		137 54	68 77		
Benton,			17 25				17 25	34 50		
Hillsboro,		46 97			12 55	13 10	72 62	48 40		
Monroe,	23 06		6 62	108 00	9 35	13 30	160 33	64 12		
							4237 23	1776 53		

*Note.—This average annual amount paid for Gadsden, is not a fair average for future years—as a most extraordinary expense was incurred in 1846.

Remark.—There are accounts for costs at Fall T. '47, and Spring T. '48, outstanding, but not yet audited.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, Ordered, That 75 copies of the document accompanying the same be printed.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. White, Sanderson and Crawford, were appointed to inform the House that the Senate was now in session; who reported that they had performed the duty assigned them.

A Committee from the House informed the Senate that the House would be ready to receive the Senate at any time that the Senate might appoint, in order that the Speaker of the House should count the votes cast at the last Election for Governor.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Burritt, Tweed, and Aldrich, were appointed to inform the House that the Senate would proceed to the House in five minutes.

At the expiration of which time the Senate proceeded to the House; The returns of the late election for Governor were then opened and published by the Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the votes having been counted, the Hon. Speaker thereupon declared that General Thomas Brown had received the highest number of votes for the office of Governor of the State of Florida.

The Senate returned to their Chamber.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:—

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE,

Appointed by the President under the Rules of the Senate:

Judiciary:

Messrs. BURRITT,
SANDERSON,
FLOYD,
TWEED,
FORWARD.

Taxation and Revenue:

Messrs. WHITE,
BURRITT,
BROWN,
CRAWFORD,
COSTIN.

State of the Commonwealth:

Messrs. SANDERSON,
WHITE,
J. M. SMITH.

Enrolled Bills:

Messrs. ALDRICH,
WHITE,
FORWARD.

Corporations:

Messrs. FLOYD,
CRAWFORD,
GHENT,
WATTS.

Federal Relations:

Messrs. LORIMER,
FORWARD,
AVERY,
SANDERSON.

Schools and Colleges:

Messrs. AVERY,
SANDERSON,
LORIMER,
FORWARD.

Executive Department:

Messrs. AUSTIN,
ALDRICH,
LORIMER,
AVERY.

Internal Improvements:

Messrs. MOSELY,
BROWN,
D. J. SMITH.

Claims and Accounts:

Messrs. WHITE,
MOSELY,
J. M. SMITH.

Elections:

Messrs. ALDRICH,
AVERY,
CRAWFORD.

Militia:

Messrs. D. J. SMITH;
CRAWFORD;
FLOYD.

Propositions and Grievances. Amendments and Revision of the

Messrs. CRAWFORD,
GHENT,
WATTS,
AVERY.

Constitution.
Messrs. TWEED,
D. J. SMITH,
AUSTIN,
COSTIN.

The following was received, read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary :

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, }
Capitol, Tallahassee, Dec. 1, 1848. }

To the Honorable President of the Senate :

SIR :—In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, passed November 29th, I herewith enclose a copy of the "bill amending the Constitution, passed at the last session of the General Assembly," certified as requested.

As will be perceived, the certificate relative to the publication of said amendment, merely states the facts as to the time of publication, without saying, whether or not, it was published in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution. This is done, because the publication in the newspapers not being within the time required, it is to be considered whether the publication in the pamphlet laws was sufficient, and this I leave to the determination of your honorable body.

Very respectfully,
A. E. MAXWELL, *Secretary of State.*

On motion of Mr. Moseley, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 2, 1848.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. Mr. Choice officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Avery introduced a bill to be entitled "an act to provide for the sale of the Sixteenth Sections granted by Congress to the State for the support of Public Schools, and for consolidating the School Fund."

Which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Sanderson gave notice that he would at some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled "an act to reduce the State tax the 20 per cent. added to it at the last session of the General Assembly."

Mr. Tweed moved that the Committee on Schools and Colleges be requested to bring in a bill to provide for the establishment of Common Schools throughout this State.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. D. J. Smith gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to amend the Election law in force in this State.

Mr. White gave notice that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to establish lost records and papers occasioned by the late destruction by fire of the Court House in Jackson county.

Mr. Avery moved that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish the Chairman of each Standing Committee of the Senate with a copy of Thompson's Digest.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Sanderson, so much of Governor's Message as relates to the establishment of a separate Supreme and Chancery Court, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

And so much as relates to the subject of Education, was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

And so much as refers to the subject of Pre-emptions and the draining of the Everglades, was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Tweed, so much as relates to the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Avery, so much as relates to the Seminole Indians, was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Sanderson moved that his Excellency the Governor be requested to furnish the Senate with any information or papers in his possession having reference to the settlement of the boundary line between this State and the State of Georgia.

Which motion prevailed.

The following message from the House was received and read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 1, 1848.

Honorable President of the Senate :

SIR :—The House has appointed Messrs. Walker, Bryant and Daniel, a Joint Committee on the part of the House, to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, to inform his Excellency the Governor of the result of the vote for Governor of this State ; also Messrs. Scott, Long and Magbee, a Joint Committee to act with one from the Senate in announcing the same fact to Gen. Thomas Brown.

Respectfully,

W. B. LANCASTER,
Clerk House Representatives.

On motion, Messrs. Burritt, Tweed and Aldrich, were appointed a Committee to act with the Committee of the House, to inform his Excellency the Governor of the result of the vote for Governor of this State at the late election.

And Messrs. White, Crawford and Sanderson were appointed a